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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than 50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America
Total, all carriers...	123,082	(X)	27,370	13,366	55,877	20,254	3,057	980,322	(X)	104,868
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	(X)	41,352	10,742	4,308	16,845	7,698	(X)	328,613	49,861
Boston, Mass.....	3,869	1,612	440	(2)	3,288	75	35	41,155	17,525	2,778
Bridgeport, Conn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	554	554	534	-	-	-	-	4,971	4,971	4,942
Buffalo, N.Y.....	46,200	13,273	2,630	2,978	32,218	6,728	316	432,870	123,633	15,285
New York City, N.Y.....	1,304	1,026	178	700	358	37	(2)	5,678	3,369	1,411
Philadelphia, Pa.....	59	54	34	-	-	-	-	2,222	2,222	2,222
Baltimore, Md.....	6	6	1	-	-	-	-	51	51	51
Washington, D.C.....	18	1	4	-	-	14	-	117	117	117
Charleston, S.C.....	367	329	72	1	271	23	(2)	2,468	986	258
Savannah, Ga.....	94	11	93	(2)	(2)	-	-	340	44	330
Tampa, Fla.....	12	12	-	-	-	10	(2)	122	122	122
Mobile, Ala.....	308	108	253	55	-	-	-	997	353	883
New Orleans, La.....	499	462	495	3	-	(2)	-	777	562	737
Laredo, Tex.....	189	188	189	(2)	-	-	-	1,205	1,189	1,204
El Paso, Tex.....	31	21	31	(2)	-	-	-	80	55	67
Nogales, Ariz.....	8,495	2,495	607	238	2,282	4,504	791	110,042	30,119	3,210
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,423	2,551	464	44	643	2,530	817	74,947	41,499	6,782
San Francisco, Calif.....	178	178	178	-	-	-	-	1,566	1,566	1,566
Portland, Ore.....	504	504	504	-	-	275	1	8,895	5,818	2,322
Seattle, Wash.....	718	594	228	(2)	204	275	1	1,384	1,241	2,242
Anchorage, Alaska.....	379	363	135	-	10	434	268	2,721	1,148	27
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	31	31	31	-	1	278	-	241	241	241
Guam, P.R.....	47	47	47	-	-	-	-	266	266	266
Pennina, N. Dak.....	421	421	139	-	-	255	28	5,070	5,070	806
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,435	1,951	666	69	1,603	42	12	12,016	10,236	2,559
Detroit, Mich.....	13,153	6,048	2,761	10	8,276	1,869	15	98,827	43,007	20,015
Chicago, Ill.....	725	215	457	-	107	147	(2)	4,042	1,125	2,473
Cleveland, Ohio.....	148	137	16	-	72	60	-	5,005	4,929	63
St. Louis, Mo.....	932	519	834	57	35	4	2	3,604	1,400	1,584
San Juan, P.R.....	16,923	6,866	9,170	7,562	174	15	1	51,660	18,033	23,244
Miami, Fla.....	1,780	450	521	201	466	411	(2)	10,410	2,420	2,312
Houston, Tex.....	604	139	2	117	454	29	(2)	11,375	1,166	11
Washington, D.C.....	167	112	28	(2)	100	35	3	738	325	325
All other districts.....	16,721	(NA)	6,422	1,325	2,656	769	462	35,717	17,584	10,860
Special Category.....	632	278	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,428	5,883	(D)

- Represents zero.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	U.S. flag carriers															
79,099	(X)	(X)	(X)	8,733	8,303	40,255	20,828	541	350	523,801	(X)	43,722	23,755	295,308	152,797	5,199	4,909	
Total, all carriers...	(X)	34,200	(X)	3,553	3,119	15,968	11,541	252	66	(Z)	233,418	21,220	10,474	115,623	83,086	2,106	708	
U.S. flag carriers....	2,382	929	(Z)	100	11	2,207	62	(Z)	(Z)	15,402	5,363	1,633	68	12,817	692	182	9	
Boston, Mass.....	46	46	(Z)	46	—	(Z)	—	—	—	23	21	22	—	—	1	—	—	
Bridgport, Conn.....	272	272	(Z)	272	—	(Z)	—	—	—	4,202	3,814	16	—	—	—	—	—	
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	252	252	(Z)	252	—	(Z)	—	—	—	3,814	3,498	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Buffalo, N.Y.....	35,826	15,469	(Z)	1,073	2,503	25,209	6,702	116	217	260,956	104,803	6,504	12,318	186,659	41,495	940	3,040	
New York City, N.Y.....	1,175	779	(Z)	35	549	502	87	—	1	8,465	4,245	565	2,708	4,201	500	—	491	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	36	32	(Z)	2	(Z)	26	3	—	—	284	260	108	137	18	—	—	—	
Baltimore, Md.....	125	110	(Z)	2	(Z)	123	—	—	—	2,921	2,538	173	—	2,748	—	—	—	
Washington, N.C.....	94	43	(Z)	5	89	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	1,980	1,934	1	37	1,942	(Z)	—	—	
Charleston, S.C.....	47	45	(Z)	9	(Z)	37	(Z)	—	—	1,667	1,616	63	3	1,579	21	—	—	
Savannah, Ga.....	31	1	(Z)	30	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	151	20	128	—	23	(Z)	—	—	
Tampa, Fla.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mobile, Ala.....	195	35	(Z)	157	3	5	(Z)	—	29	491	63	193	23	21	4	—	249	
New Orleans, La.....	109	75	(Z)	108	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	319	90	311	3	—	—	—	—	
Laredo, Tex.....	23	16	(Z)	22	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	464	371	441	—	21	1	(Z)	—	
El Paso, Tex.....	10	9	(Z)	9	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	142	110	132	—	9	—	—	—	
Nogales, Ariz.....	5,562	2,228	(Z)	499	82	277	4,090	187	13	52,540	19,025	5,758	633	14,145	30,586	1,685	139	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,758	3,240	(Z)	74	9	243	4,373	89	1	54,918	33,900	7,953	—	2,777	49,562	1,723	5	
San Francisco, Calif.....	4	3	(Z)	3	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	32	19	29	—	3	—	—	—	
Portland, Ore.....	2,066	1,950	(Z)	60	—	149	1,856	(Z)	—	14,477	11,742	2,856	—	1,101	10,515	5	—	
Seattle, Wash.....	14	5	(Z)	3	—	5	6	(Z)	—	241	26	23	—	167	51	—	—	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	715	186	(Z)	31	(Z)	41	548	94	(Z)	9,175	1,894	56	1	1,676	6,867	573	2	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	17	17	(Z)	17	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	347	346	347	—	—	—	—	—	
Great Falls, Mont.....	39	39	(Z)	39	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	367	366	348	—	13	6	—	—	
Poosla, N. Dak.....	121	118	(Z)	7	(Z)	3	111	(Z)	—	865	806	227	2	30	604	—	—	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,671	2,273	(Z)	355	1	2,287	28	(Z)	(Z)	6,758	5,683	1,184	3	5,294	275	—	1	
Detroit, Mich.....	5,359	2,146	(Z)	402	14	3,727	1,142	5	39	43,028	15,313	5,304	43	30,108	7,048	33	291	
Chicago, Ill.....	14	14	(Z)	14	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	68	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	10	10	(Z)	10	—	(Z)	(Z)	—	—	69	27	14	—	40	15	—	—	
St. Louis, Mo.....	2,356	667	(Z)	1,756	414	160	4	—	2	3,051	1,174	1,900	395	1,103	38	—	15	
San Juan, P.R.....	7,376	2,428	(Z)	2,511	4,777	320	64	—	4	17,278	7,286	7,070	7,169	2,874	366	87	73	
Miami, Fla.....	388	199	(Z)	213	2	131	32	(Z)	4	7,689	2,432	2,757	10	2,874	1,772	3	273	
Houston, Tex.....	861	796	(Z)	33	1	814	13	—	(Z)	8,780	7,765	16	4	4,418	84	—	258	
Washington, D.C.....	39	25	(Z)	14	—	5	21	—	—	416	260	190	—	130	96	—	45	
All other districts....	6,277	(NA)	(NA)	851	232	3,342	1,686	40	37	7,653	(NA)	1,037	283	4,076	2,055	48	45	
All payments under \$251....																		

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